

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7 and 9 are pending in the application.

In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 1 and cancelled non-method claims 10-27 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 1-27, prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claim 1 was amended and claims 10-27 were cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 1-27 as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims, in one or more continuing applications.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Lee for indicating that claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11-15, 17, 18, and 20-27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of allowable claim 8 into independent claim 1. Claims 2-7 and 9 depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-7 and 9 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 11-15, 17, 18, and 20-27 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 7, 10, 16, 19, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. 2002/0169770). Applicants respectfully traverse, however, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 1 to place claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claims 10, 16, 19, and 25 have been cancelled, and the rejection is moot as to these cancelled claims.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentable over the art of record. Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 553-7973 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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